

OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS
MINUTES
January 18, 2006

Conducting:	Dr. David Voss
Convened:	9:00 a.m.
Adjourned:	11:00 a.m.
Members Present	Dr. David Voss DO Brenda Sharman, Public member Dr. J. Howard Loomis DO Dr. Warren Peterson, DO
Division Staff:	Diana Baker, Bureau Manager Penny Vogeler, Board Secretary
Administrative Business:	Ms. Baker issued the oath of office to Dr. Peterson. Dr. Peterson was welcomed by the Board.
Sign Travel Reimbursement Approval of Minutes (October, 2005)	Approved as written.
Board Business	Ms. Baker discussed the e-mail address for the legislature. www.le.state.ut.us She encouraged the Board to become involved with the Bills before the legislature.
PROBATION INTERVIEW: Vaughn Johnson	Dr. Vaughn Johnson did not show for his interview. Ms. Baker will send a non-compliance letter to Mr. Johnson.
PROBATION INTERVIEW Nita Weber	Dr. Loomis conducted the phone interview with Dr. Weber. Ms. Baker had approved a phone interview for Dr. Weber due to weather conditions. She stated she had spoken with Dr. Ron Trudell, Geriatric specialist, in Tooele and he had agreed to be her preceptor. Dr. Loomis asked about her outline of education. Dr. Weber said she has given Dr. Trudell a copy of the CPEP evaluation and they

have developed an outline. Dr. Weber agreed to send it in to DOPL.

She submitted her CE and is in the process of completing an arrhythmia course. Ms. Baker asked that a copy of the course outline be submitted to the Board. Dr. Voss asked if her practice still includes pediatrics. She stated she has 4 patients all about 2 yrs old.

She was asked about the complaint against her for writing prescriptions for controlled substances without a DEA registration. She stated she was unaware that she needed a new DEA number or to reinstate her old registration. She stated she did not know the DEA was a separate application. Due to the DEA investigation, they have restricted her writing of controlled substances to Schedules IV and V. Dr. Weber stated she was not aware of this. Ms. Baker informed her that DOPL will follow the same guidelines as the DEA.

Dr. Weber stated she will contact the DEA and was also concerned that a restricted controlled substance license would make it impossible for her to find work. The Board was concerned about Dr. Weber's repeated excuses stating that she was not aware of many issues of the Laws and Rules governing her practice.

**PROBATION INTERVIEW
Corey Ericksen**

Dr. Voss conducted the interview with Dr. Ericksen. DOPL has received favorable reports for Dr. Ericksen. Dr. Ericksen requested that he be released from his probation. He feels if he remains on probation he will lose his practice. He submitted letters from insurance companies that are refusing to work with him. He will not be able to have board certification with a restricted license. He is asking the Board to review his case and

consider the fact that his practice is in jeopardy. His stated about a third of his income comes from his participation on panels.

Dr. Voss stated the purpose of the Board is to protect the public. Dr. Erickson explained the circumstances of his violations. He stated he felt many of his issues were unethical. Ms. Baker read the stipulation and explained the issues from a DOPL standpoint. Ms. Baker explained that his Order and the terms and conditions are consistent with other Orders with similar circumstances and that the agreement that was signed was for five year probation. Dr. Erickson has completed only 9 months of that 5-year agreement, and has not always been in compliance during that time. He has not shown good faith in adhering to the terms and conditions. A motion was made and second to leave the probation as stated. Dr. Peterson abstained. Ms. Baker offered to write letters to the insurance companies explaining the probationary program. This has been helpful in other cases. Dr. Erickson declined the offer. He is **in compliance** with the terms of his order.

Dr. Brinley

Ms. Sharman conducted the interview. Dr. Brinley stated he is doing much better. He has made some changes in his personal life and he feels they are for the better. His practice is struggling due to insurance companies dropping him but he is taking full responsibility for his actions. He has submitted all his required paperwork and is **in compliance** with terms of his Order.

Federation of State Medical Boards

Ms. Baker asked for volunteers to attend the Federation meeting that is going to be held in April. Registration needs to be in by Feb 1, 2006. It was indicate that Dr. Peterson may be interested in attending. Dr. Peterson will get back to Ms. Baker.

Discussion

The drug Suboxone was discussed and it has been determined that it may be prescribed for pain without having to obtain the special DEA number.

Next Meeting

April 19, 2006

David Voss, DO, Chairman

Date

Diana Baker, Bureau Manager

Date